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For : IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND METHOD

**Amendment and Response**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper;

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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